Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Mahnomen 087 District FY09 EQIP

1. **List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**

   Soil Erosion

   Water Quality

   Grazing Systems

   Invasive Species

2. **If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**

   Eastern half of the county – invasive species

   Marsh Creek sub-watersheds – turbidity

   White Earth River sub-watersheds – turbidity

   Sandhill River sub-watersheds – low dissolved oxygen

   County drainage systems (Judicial Ditch NO. 91 & 91A and County Ditch NO. 3) – sedimentation

3. **From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**

   Applications with a well sealing practice

   Applications with prescribed grazing

   Applications that address invasive plant species

   Applications that address soil and water erosion

4. **Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

   WATER QUALITY – the applicant will seal a well (351). 15 points

   ALL CONCERNS – the applicant will apply a Prescribed Grazing System Practice (528). 15 points

   HABITAT CONSERVATION – the applicant will treat an NRCS approved 'listed' invasive plant species within the eastern half of Mahnomen County by implementing the Invasive Plant Species Pest Management Practice (797). 15 Points

   SOIL EROSION AND WATER QUALITY – the applicant will install practices to address soil and water concerns within the above listed sub-watersheds and/or drainage systems. Eligible practices include Grassed Waterway (412), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), WaSCB (638), Residue Management (329/345/346), Cover Crop (340), Field Border (386), Pest Management (595), Nutrient Management (590), Prescribed Grazing (528), Filter Strip (393), Riparian Buffer (391), and Conservation Crop Rotation (328). 15 points

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**

6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**

7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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